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"(e) One of the arrested persons is a college student. He was kept in the lock-up for five hours and when bail was offered he was enlarged on bail. He was neither beaten by the Sub-Inspector nor ill-treated nor kept naked while in Police custody. The charge against him was riotous and disorderly behaviour in a public place. He obstructed the Sub-Inspector from enquiring into an alleged theft case by catching hold of the Sub-Inspector's shirt and by using criminal force."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, is this merely based on the report of the Sub-Inspector of Police or any independent investigation has been made into the matter?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" An investigation has been made by the Commissioner of Police and a report has been submitted to Government."

Persons arrested in connexion with the Hyderabad affair.

* 187 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state how many persons, who were arrested on suspicion in connexion with the Hyderabad affair, are still kept under detention in the district of Kurnool?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" None."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May we know, Sir, whether this Government are aware that several persons whose names are Abdul Razak were arrested simply because the officers thought there must be some connexion between Abdul Razak and Razakars?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No such persons were arrested."

Special officers posted to Hyderabad State from Madras Province.

* 188 Q.—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(a) how many special Collectors were posted to Hyderabad State from Madras Province;

(b) what the number of Andhras so posted is;

(c) how many from Rayalaseema districts have been posted; and

(d) how many special Deputy Collectors have been posted, and how many of them are from Andhra and Rayalaseema?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (a) Eight Deputy Collectors from this Province have been deputed to act as Collectors of eight districts in the Hyderabad State;

" (b) & (c) It is presumed that by Andhras, the hon. Member means to include those from Rayalaseema also; if so, the number of "Andhras" posted is 5, of whom two come from Rayalaseema; and

" (d) Sixteen Deputy Collectors from this Province have been deputed to the Hyderabad State on special duty. Eight Tahsildars have also been deputed to act as Deputy Collectors in the State. Of these 24 officers, 22 are Andhras, 10 of whom are from Rayalaseema."

Shortage of petrol at the petrol storage.

* 189 Q.—SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAN CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of 5,000 gallons of petrol at the petrol storage;

(b) if so, what action has been taken so far;

(c) how many cars are lying idle in the garage;

(d) what is the reason for their being idle;

(e) in how many buses the covers and cushions of the seats are torn, thereby exhibiting their inner contents;

(f) whether sudden increase in fares is due to any loss incurred by the Transport Department;

(g) whether he is aware of the fact that due to the enhanced fares there is more crowding and suffocation in the already over-crowded trams, and people are hanging on all sides of the trams; and

(h) whether he proposes to have the experience of travelling in the Government buses at least for two days and personally come to know the difficulties of the travelling public?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) The hon. Member apparently refers to the petrol stored in the petrol pumps in charge of the Transport Department. No shortage has so far been reported from the pumps except the shortage which is inevitable on account of evaporation.

" (b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (a) above.

" (c) & (d) The hon. Member apparently refers to spare buses which are kept in reserve to be used in emergencies or for special trips. The actual number that may be in reserve may vary from time to time; but it may not exceed the prescribed maximum of 40 reserve buses.

" (e) The Government have no information.

" (f) The increase in fares was only on certain routes and this was due to the adoption of a standardized rate in accordance with the Government Order issued in November 1947 after due publication.